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To Secy.EPH.
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No.D/5/674
New Delhi
20th February, 1948.

Dear Mr. Chettiar,

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 30th January, regarding grants for education. You have done quite rightly to explain your views to the Ministers for Finance and Education and the Pime Minister feels sure that they will give them their fullest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Sd.(H.V.R.Iengar).

To
The Hon'ble
Shri T.S.Avanashilingam Chettier,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras.

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F6-3/47-P
New Delhi,
23rd Feb, '48.

My dear Chettiar,

Thanks for your letter dated the 21st January 1948. With regard to the issue raised by you I may invige your attention to letter No.59/RC/47 dated the 14th November 1947 issued by the Development Board, Government of India. It will be seen therefrom that it is not the intention of the Government of India to abandon or retard uneconomically the progress of development schemes already started. It follows, therefore, that the Educational Schemes which have already been initiated by your Government should be proceeded with.

As far as the New Schemes for 1948-49 are concerned, although the general criterion is the production of the material wealth of the country, it will be for the Provindial Governments to decide with reference to each scheme whether it should be commenced in 1948-49 or be deferred.

I am afraid, it may not be immediately possible for the Government of India to earmark for Education a fixed percentage of their block grants since requirements in this behalf will vary from Proince to Province and from year to year. The formula for the distribution of the Central Grants over various subjects, which was enunciated by the Government of India in the late Planning and Development Department letter No.82/RC, dated the 16th April 1946, viz. 'that the grants will be deemed to have been distributed over the different main heads in the proportion which the estimated development expenditure under each head bears to the total of all the development expenditure under the 5-year Plan of the Province', appears to be quite reasonable, at any rate for the time being.

Yours sincerely,

Sd....

The Hon'ble Shri T.S.Avinashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education.
Madras.

/True Copy/

28th February, 1948

Dear Mr. Iyyangar,

Thanks for your letter of the 20th February with regard to the earmarking of funds for 'Education' out of the Post-war Development grant given by the Government of India. I am herewith sending you a copy of the letter received from the Minister for Education, Government of India, over this matter.

This Minister for Finance said that you had considered and come to a conclusion that funds for 'Education' must be earmarked. But; now, I see from the Education Minister's letter that it is not to be.

I shall be glad if you will kindly put the matter before Panditji. You know, in these days, many other things are regarded as much more important than education and the importance of education as a long range policy is not properly appreciated, and it will go a long way to help the various Provinces if the Government of India can earmark a particular portion for 'Education' . Will you kindly place this matter before Pandftji and let me have his considered reply?

Yours sincerely,

Sd-28-2-48.

To
Shri H.V.R.Iyyangar,
Prime Minister's Secretariat,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Copy to Secy.,E&P.H.(with original letters)

/True Copy/

Fort St.George,
Madras,9th March,'48.

Dear Moulana Sahib,

Thanks for your kind letter of the 23rd February with regard to ear-marking a portion of the Post-War Development grants of the Government of India to provinces for the development of education. I had written about that matter to Sri R.K.Shanmugham Chetti, Finance Minister of the Government of Inia and also to the Prime Minister. The Finance Minister wrote to me definitely approving this idea of ear-marking a part of the funds for Education having in view the national importance of education. The letter of the Prime Minister was also sympathetic. In view of these opinions, I shall be glad if you can also kindly pursue the matter and get a portion of it ear-marked for education. This, I assure you, will go a long way in giving an impetus to our educational programmes.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Sd...

Copy to Secretary , E and P.H.
Hon'ble Moulana Abul Kalam Azad,
Minister for Education, Governmen
of India, New Delhi.

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The papers may now be recorded.

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